



IFW DAC A

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 09/971,774
Applicant : REDMOND et al.
Filed : October 9, 2001
TC/A.U. : 1623
Examiner : L. Maier
Confirmation No. : 3168

Docket No. : 1194-180
Customer No. : 6449

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR ACCEPTANCE OF FOREIGN PRIORITY CLAIM

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.55(c) Applicants respectfully request acceptance of the foreign priority claim of GB 97 16219.2, filed July 31, 1997. This priority was claimed in parent Application Serial No. 09/493,797. The claim is being presently made by concurrent to submission of an amendment to the specification.

The surcharge of \$1330.00 as set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(t) is enclosed herewith.

The entire delay between the date that the claim was due and the present was unintentional.

If any further fees are required, please charge them to deposit account no. 02-2135.

Respectfully submitted,

08/05/2004 SMINASS1 00000004 09971774

01 FC:1454

1330.00 OP

By

George R. Repper
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 31,414
ROTHWELL, FIGG, ERNST & MANBECK, P.C.
Suite 800, 1425 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005
Telephone: (202)783-6040